Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Why did he wait till the last time?
Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I answered, not to my knowledge.
Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* Who are the people who are taking steps?
Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* My Department.
Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* At what stage is it now?
Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Negotiations are going on. There is a temple on the site proposed to be selected. If those persons who should remove temple, they should be paid compensation. If we leave-out that site, there is no unobjectionable site. It does take time to negotiate to get good result. It is a question of other communities also being satisfied. To remove a temple for the location of a church is not very easy.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* What is the size of the temple.
Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is not a very big temple.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* What are the appproximate dimensions?
Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I have not measured.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Have you seen it.
Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I have seen it.

QUALITY OF RICE SUPPLIED BY GOVERNMENT

141. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) are there not complaints about the quality of rice supplied to the ration-card holders in the State;

(*b*) what has been done to remedy the defects?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) There have been some complaints.

(*b*) The complaints relate to both home-grown and imported rice. In regard to the former the complaint is that it contains husk and also it is inferior in quality due to defective process of milling. According to the present rules the paddy can be passed through the huller only once when it is milled. This is the reason for the husk noticed in some cases. Strict instructions have been given to the mills to see that the rice is free of husk as far as possible. The question of getting over this difficulty is also under consideration. The defective process of milling is caused by over-soaking and over-boiling the paddy which the mill-owners resort to for showing increased out-turn. For this the mill-owners have been informed that it is not the out-turn but it is the quality that matters, that they are to surrender only whatever out-turn is obtained in normal course and that over-soaking and over-boiling should be avoided. The quality of rice is also spoiled on account of the water, in which the paddy is boiled, not being changed frequently. Orders have been issued for removing all these defects. The officers of this Department have been specially asked to see that the above instructions are acted upon to make surprise inspection of the mills to detect fraud and report any defect noticed on the part of the mill-owners. As a result of the particular attention that is being paid in the matter, the quality of rice has now improved. There was still a complaint that though the rice milled in some mills could not be found fault with from its appearance, it has no proper taste, when it is cooked. Hence steps have been taken to test the quality of rice milled in the various mills by taking samples thereof and cooking them to see whether there is anything wrong.

In regard to imported rice the complaints are mainly two, *viz.*, (*i*) that the quality is bad and (2) that the major portion of it is raw rice. The inferior quality of imported rice is mostly what we received from Sind. The purchase of rice in Sind is done by Government agency. It has been repeatedly brought to the notice of the Sind Government and the Central Government and also the Regional Food Commissioner that sometime we have been getting very inferior quality of rice. The matter was also taken to the personal notice of the Hon'ble Sir J. P. Sreevastava (Food Member) and Hon'ble Mr. Sen (Director-General of Food) of the Government of India. They were pleased to take note of this defect and kindly promised to take prompt action in the matter. It is hoped that as a result of these steps there will be definite improvement in the quality of rice supplied from out side. We have also instructed our Rice Officers and agents in British India to pay attention to the quality of rice and to reject stock which is not of fair average quality. With regard to the raw rice, it is inevitable, under the present circumstances, that the State should accept a portion of the rice quota in raw rice as this is all that can be obtained. It has been pointed out to the Food Department of the Government of India that the majority of the people of the State is used only to par-boiled rice and that its requirements as regards rice should be met as far as possible by allotting par-boiled rice. This fact has been taken note of

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by the Central Government and par-boiled rice is being sent to us as far as possible. But the difficulty is that to prepare par-boiled rice means delay. Every effort has been and will be made to secure as much quantity of par-boiled rice as possible towards the rice quotas allotted to us by the Central Government.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know, Sir, whether any instance has been detected of mill-owners supplying badly prepared rice?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know, whether any action has been taken against these people?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: In the case of a mill-owner we suspended and we refused to give paddy for milling.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know, the steps taken to test the rice?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Samples were prepared, to see whether it is according to that and whether it tastes like that.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know, the result of this test?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Instructions were given only a few months before.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know, Sir, who brings the samples?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: The Mill Inspector and the A. S. Os.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Are we to note, Sir, that testing has not been done for one month?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I have not seen the results yet.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: The answer, Sir, is it tested as far as possible. The process is mentioned and the starting of the process is also mentioned as one month.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I have not got the report. So I presume that nothing wrong has been detected.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: If everything is O.k., no report need come to you. Is that the position?

Which is the Government agency that is purchasing rice from Sind?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: The purchases are made by the Syndicate on behalf of the Sind Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What is done by our representative or paid man?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: He should see that we get shipping space and see that goods are despatched in time.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: നെല്ല് കൊടുക്കുന്നതു നിറുത്തിവെച്ചിരുന്നുവെന്നു പറഞ്ഞുവല്ലോ; അതു വീണ്ടും തുടങ്ങിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It was only suspended for a time.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Was he again allowed paddy, Sir, to be milled?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: One of the mill-owners has been again allowed paddy to be milled.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, who is this good boy of the Government? May I know the name of the gentleman who was reinstated?

Mr. President: Is the name of the particular miller relevant?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: It is so, Sir, in this particular case.

Mr. President: I think it would be wiser not to mention too many names.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know what is the percentage of husk. One defect is mixing of husk.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It is not possible to say.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Are there sometimes exceptions?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: In some cases we use to find husk.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether there is at least one mill which gives Government rice without any husk at all.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I want notice.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is it impossible, Sir, to give rice without husk under the injunctions given ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: There is difficulty.

Mr. President: Question time has expired.

ARTICLES OF FOOD ALLOTTED TO THE STATE—PARTICULARS OF

142. Mr. C. K. Nayar *(Nemmara)*:

താഴെ ചേർക്കുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു മറുപടി പറയുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു് കനിയുമോ.—

(എ) എന്തെല്ലാം ഭക്ഷണസാധനങ്ങൾക്കാണു കൊച്ചിക്കു കോട്ട അനുവദിച്ചു കിട്ടീട്ടുള്ളതു്;

(ബി) ഈ കോട്ട അനുസരിച്ചു് ഏതെല്ലാം സാധനങ്ങൾ ഇറക്കുമതി ചെയ്യുവാൻ കച്ചവടക്കാരെ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്;

(സി) ക ക ക൯, ക കട ഠ എന്നീ കൊല്ലങ്ങളിൽ ചിറ്റൂർ താലൂക്കിലെ ഏതെല്ലാം കച്ചവടക്കാർക്കു് എന്തെല്ലാം സാധനങ്ങൾ എത്ര വീതം ഇറക്കുമതി ചെയ്യുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു് അനുമതി നൽകിയിട്ടുണ്ടു്;

(ഡി) ഇവയത്രയും ചിറ്റൂർ താലൂക്കിൽതന്നെയൊ ഇറക്കുമതി ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്;

(ഇ) അതേ എങ്കിൽ ഏതേതു വില്ലേജുകളിൽ;

(എഫ്) ചിറ്റൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ ഇറക്കുമതിചെയ്ത പ്രസ്തുത സാധനങ്ങളിൽ ഇറക്കുമതി ചെയ്ത സ്ഥലത്തുനിന്നും കയറ്റി അയക്കുവാനൊ കയറ്റിക്കൊണ്ടു പോകുവാനൊ പെർമിറ്റു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ജി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ക. എന്തെല്ലാം സാധനങ്ങൾ, ഖ. എവിടേക്കു, ഗ. എത്ര വീതം, ഘ. ആർക്കെല്ലാം?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(എ) അരി, ഗോതമ്പു്, ബജ്റ, ജോവർ, ബാർലി, പഞ്ചസാര, ശർക്കര, നെയ്യു്, നിലക്കടല, കടല, മുളക, പച്ചമുളക, ഉള്ളി, ഉരുളക്കിഴങ്ങു്, കൊത്തമല്ലി, പയറുവർഗ്ഗങ്ങൾ ഇവയ്ക്കും ഇവകൊണ്ടുള്ള പദാർത്ഥങ്ങൾക്കും.

(ബി) ഉള്ളി, ഉരുളക്കിഴങ്ങു് മുളകു്, നിലക്കടല, നെയ്യു്.

(സി) ഉള്ളി ക ക ക൯.

ക. സി. കൃഷ്ണസ്വാമിചെട്ടിയാർ	കവ ടൺ
ഖ. എസ്സു്. കരുക്കൾ	കവ ,,
ഗ. യു. ശങ്കരമേനോൻ	ഒ ,,
ഘ. പി. കെ. ആർ. മുഹമ്മദു് റാവുത്തർ	വ ,,
ങ. സി. എൻ. എം. കന്തസ്വാമിചെട്ടിയാർ	ന ,,
ച. എൻ. മലയാണ്ടിചെട്ടിയാർ, നെമ്മാറ	ഘ ,,

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ക. വി. കെ. ആർ. മുഹമ്മദു് റാവുത്തർ	ങ ,,
ഖ. ടി. പി. എസ്സു്. കരുക്കൾ	ക ,,

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ഗ. യു. ശങ്കരമേനോൻ	ക ഠ ,,
ഘ. വി. കെ. ആർ. മുഹമ്മദു് റാവുത്തർ	ക ഠ ,,

(ഡി) ഉള്ളി മുഴുവനും ചിറ്റൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ തന്നെയാണു് ഇറക്കിയതു്. മുളകു് ഇരുപതുപേരിലും ആകുന്നു.

(ഇ) ചിറ്റൂർ, തത്തമംഗലം, നെമ്മാറ.

(എഫ്) ഇല്ല.

(ജി) മറുപടി ആവശ്യമില്ല.

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